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## CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1-20. (previously cancelled)

21. (currently amended) A process for producing sustained skin rejuvenation, improving the appearance of the skin, comprising the steps of:

- a) initially applying retinoic acid to the skin ;
- b) exploding a contaminant on the surface of the skin with one pass of laser light wherein said contaminant is capable of absorbing said laser light, said laser light having a pulse duration of about 0.001 to about 1 microsecond, a wave length of from about 800nm to 1200nm, and a fluence of from about 1 to 3 J/cm<sup>2</sup>, and wherein said laser light leaves leaving the epidermis intact and does not remove skin or hair, wherein said contaminant is capable of absorbing said laser light;
- c) applying retinoic acid to the skin 4 to 16 times per month after step b); and
- d) repeating step b) at least once every 12 months during step c),  
wherein  
steps c) and d) produce maintain an improved and youthful appearing a sustained rejuvenation of the skin.

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